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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Bellevue, Washington 98004

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TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified patent application. No additional claim fee is required, as shown below. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-1940. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

<u>Computation of Fee For Claims as Amended</u>					
	<u>Claims Remaining after Amendment</u>	<u>Highest Number Previously Paid For</u>	<u>Present Extra</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Additional Fee</u>
Total Claims	17	20	-0-	x \$18	-0-
Independent Claims	3	3	-0-	x \$84	-0-
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					<u>-0-</u>

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6 AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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9 TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE:

10 In response to the Office Action dated October 31, 2002, applicants request that the above-
11 identified application be amended as set forth below and that the Examiner reconsider the
12 application in view of these amendments and the Remarks that follow. A clean version of the
13 amendments is shown below. A marked-up copy of the amendments follows this response and is
14 entitled MARKED-UP VERSION OF THE AMENDMENTS.

15 CLEAN VERSION OF THE AMENDMENTS

16 Amendment to the Claims

17 In the Claims:

18 Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

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19 1. (Amended) A computer-implemented method comprising:
20 constructing a plurality of item slot groups, each group having a predefined number
21 of item slots, each item slot initially unfilled and able to be filled by an item;
22 allocating each of a plurality of items of a first type to the item slots of the item slot
23 groups that are unfilled by matching characteristics of the first type of items to characteristics of
24 the item slot groups, such that allocating an item to an item slot fills the item slot with the item;
25 allocating each of a plurality of items of a second type to the item slots of the item
26 slot groups that are unfilled by matching characteristics of the second type of items to the
27 characteristics of the item slot groups, such that allocating an item to an item slot fills the item slot
28 with the item; and
29 displaying the plurality of item slot groups as a histogram having a plurality of bars,
30 where each bar corresponds to an item slot group and has a height corresponding to the number of
31 item slots of the item slot group, wherein the bar has an indication as to how many of the number of
32 item slots of the item slot group are filled and how many of the number of item slots of the item
33 slot group are unfilled.

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